

NOTES FROM THE:

Comptroller Training Flight

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This past quarter was challenging and the upcoming one promises to provide yet another interesting conquest for the schoolhouse. I assumed the position of the Comptroller Training Flight commander this April. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine the magnitude and effort this team of professionals put forth in order to provide premier training and quality airman to our entire career field.

My first week on the job began with many dignitaries visiting, including Mr Speer. As my team briefed him, I was also learning how we do business. I could not help being impressed with how this team has continuously met the challenges and the needs of the commanders. I was especially in awe by the Financial Management and Services instructional techniques. The classroom training integrates both hands-on computer inquiry and scenario based training. I can see now how this training captures the realism of field operations and is essential for providing mission capable technicians to gaining commanders. The merged Financial Management and Services Apprentice course is just about through the validation phase (all the bugs worked out) and it is virtually a seamless course. We have graduated 126 Financial Management and Services Apprentice to the field and currently have 128 enrolled in this course. We have graduated 98 Financial Analysis Apprentice as well to the field.

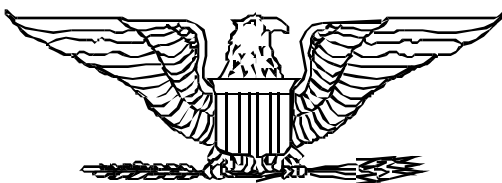
My staff immediately informed me that the Merged Financial Analysis and Services Officer Course had begun and the first class was about to graduate. The newly revised Accounting Liaison course has also come on-line and the first class will also graduate shortly.

A Utilization and Training Workshop took place in March to discuss the October 1999 career field enlisted merger. Financial Analysis will merge with Financial Management and Services. The concept of operation is we will "grow our own." Consequently the basic Financial Management and Services Course will have a brief introduction of Financial Analysis. After enlisted members receive their 5-level the Comptroller may move individuals into the Financial Analysis Office. These members will attend the resident Financial Analysis Supplement Course subsequent to working in Financial Analysis. This is a bold step forward and we, at the School House, will be at the forefront of this transition. In order to meet this challenge, my team has many course control documents to prepare and implement. This is the conquest I mentioned earlier.

The bottom line is I have walked into a dynamic organization that have met many challenges but we have many new hurdles before us. I know we can accomplish the goals before us but only with your continued support and patience. Thanks for synergizing the School House, and as always we welcome your comments and ideas.



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